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### (54) Negative film with identification number, and photographic printing apparatus

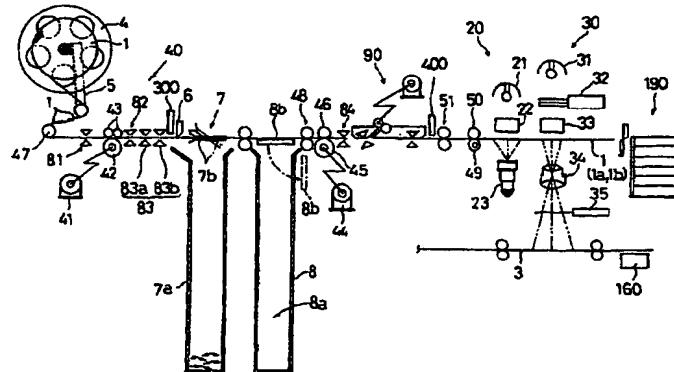
(57) A negative film with an identification number printed directly on a film surface of a non-frame image area (1z) other than frame image areas (1x) with photographic images formed therein.

A photographic printing apparatus for printing a negative film having frame image areas and non-frame image areas other than the frame image areas includes:

a first identification number reader (300) for reading an identification number printed in a fogged portion formed in the one of the non-frame image areas in

a leading end region of the negative film;  
a second identification number reader (400) for reading an identification number printed between perforations formed in the non-frame image areas of the negative film; and  
a printer (160) for printing the identification number read on a back of printing paper having, printed thereon, frame images of the negative film with the identification number.

Fig. 6



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